



Bi-Weekly Bulletin for March 18, 2021

MEMBER NEWS

NC CCBHC Shares Their Experience Navigating COVID-19

How have CCBHCs been able to serve their community and support their staff during this unprecedented time? And why should organizations consider becoming a CCBHC in the middle of the pandemic? Join us **TODAY - Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 2 PM ET** - to hear Monique Lucas from **Monarch** discuss their CCBHC journey. Register here: https://p.relias.com/webinar/hhs-ccbhc-and-covid-19-reg?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hhs_em_2021-03-11_ccbhc-and-covid-19-wbn-invite-1

A Place to Call Home: Foster parents provide 20-year-old with home, skills to succeed

Monarch CEO Peggy Terhune says, "I believe that my values are my values both personally and professionally." She and her husband Bob have been fostering for the past 20 years. They adopted two teenagers and have welcomed more than 100 children in their home.

<https://www.wxii12.com/article/north-carolina-foster-diabetics-teenagers-adults-family/35418123#>

Substance abuse treatment center for women opens

RiverValley Behavioral Health cut the ribbon Monday at the Grand Opening of The Amethyst Center. The Amethyst Center is their new residential Substance Use Disorder treatment program for women.

<https://www.tristatehomepage.com/news/local-news/rivervalley-behavioral-health-cuts-ribbon-on-amethyst-center/>

Adult and Child Health expands pediatric care focus

Adult and Child Health (A&C), a Federally Qualified Health Center Lookalike, expanded its historically behavioral health-focused services into family medicine by opening four health care clinics in 2016 and 2017. Due to demand, A&C Health is now broadening its focus to include more services to the pediatric population in Johnson County.

<https://www.localnewsdigital.com/2021/03/06/adult-and-child-health-expands-focus-on-pediatric-care/>

Through Florida Blue Foundation Grant, Peace River Center Offers Free Mental Health First Aid Course to Talbot House, Additional Courses Coming in May

Peace River Center, a nonprofit behavioral health organization serving Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties, recently provided free virtual Mental Health First Aid training to Talbot House Ministries staff members thanks to a four-year grant of more than \$250,000 from the Florida Blue Foundation.

<https://www.peacerivercenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Peace-River-Center-Provides-Free-Mental-Health-First-Aid-Training-Sessions.pdf>

INDUSTRY NEWS

24% of Health Care CFOs Plan to Divest Their Behavioral Health Operations

Amid the pandemic, the health care industry at large seems to finally recognize the importance of behavioral health care. But not everyone is sold on providing those services.

https://bhbusiness.com/2021/03/05/24-of-health-care-cfos-plan-to-divest-their-behavioral-health-operations/?euid=&utm_source=bhb-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=3f3b9c247d

Preparing for behavioral health's future

In its recent "Future of Behavioral Health" report, Deloitte notes that six disruption factors will drive behavioral health's future.

https://contentsharing.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?recipient_id=3255668340&message_id=20032251&user_id=AHA_MCHF&group_id=5900432&jobid=51152782

RAND Report Outlines 10 Years of Military Behavioral Health Lessons-Learned

RAND, a global non-profit research organization, examined how the military health system responded to the mental health demands of service members during operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and outlined which actions worked and which did not. Further, they identified lessons that should be carried forward to prepare providers and the health system for future wartime needs.

<https://www.newswise.com/articles/rand-report-outlines-10-years-of-military-behavioral-health-lessons-learned>

New tool treats children's mental disorders

"One year plus treatment, 68% of individuals who used this were in remission and 91% saw reduced symptoms," said Dr. Slawson. It means additional hope for adolescents and a drug-free solution.

<https://www.fox6now.com/news/new-tool-treats-childrens-mental-disorders>

4 healthcare antitrust issues to watch

"The trend of state legislatures introducing and passing premerger clearance laws is going to continue," Jonathan Grossman, co-chair of Cozen O'Connor's antitrust division, said.

<https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/4-healthcare-antitrust-issues-to-watch/595693/>

SECURING STAFF BUY-IN AMIDST VACCINE MISINFORMATION

An obstacle to vaccinating healthcare staff against COVID-19 is hesitancy cultivated through the consumption of false information. Although public health officials usually promote a science-based approach to infection prevention and vaccination, some government officials, and even a few healthcare providers, support anti-vaccination, anti-mask views.

https://www.relias.com/blog/securing-staff-buy-in-amidst-vaccine-misinformation?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hhs_em_2021-03-04_march-newsletter

COVID-19: Why it could affect public health for years to come

Vaccines notwithstanding, health care experts expect major long-term consequences.

<https://www.njspotlight.com/2021/03/covid-19-coronavirus-new-jersey-transformed-toll-vaccine-gov-phil-murphy-optimistic-light-health-experts-new-norms-social-psychological-toll/>

Woman says she is being fired for refusing COVID-19 vaccine

A Cumberland County healthcare worker says she is being fired after refusing the COVID-19 vaccine. 26-year-old Desiree Pelletier of Newville says her employer Hempfield Behavioral Health is requiring the vaccine in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

https://www.kctv5.com/woman-says-she-is-being-fired-for-refusing-covid-19-vaccine/article_cd762ea5-e339-5e0c-8551-ef42f651019a.html

CVS Focuses on Mental Health, Pilots New Social Worker Model

CVS is piloting a new mental health model at select CVS HealthHUB locations in partnership with Minute Clinic. "What we're doing is putting licensed social workers in specific locations," McNulty explained of the initiative.

https://bhbusiness.com/2021/03/15/cvs-focuses-on-mental-health-pilots-new-social-worker-model/?euid=&utm_source=bhb-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=da5383c395

BUSINESS NEWS & LEADERSHIP ARTICLES

Here's How You Can Judge A Leader's Narrative: Five Charts

A unique analysis of GE's fall and important lessons for today's leaders.

<https://www.howardyu.org/heres-how-you-can-judge-a-leaders-narrative-five-charts/>

Visibility matters: Find your invisible leaders so they can shine

It matters when those in decision-making positions are aware of the work people have done, the knowledge they hold, the opinions and ideas they can offer. If employees are doing great things, why do so many of them remain virtually anonymous in your organization?

<https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2021/03/visibility-matters-find-your-invisible-leaders-so-they-can-shine>

Past issues of this publication are available online at: <https://mhca.com/about-us/member-news>

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